

Claims: In the claims, please amend claims 1, 2, 7-13, 15-21, 26, and 27.

Please cancel claims 3-6, 14, and 22-25. Additions to claims are indicated by underlining. Deletions to claims are indicated by strikeouts. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 7-13, 15-21, 26, and 27 will be pending.

1. (currently amended). A scan window apparatus for indicating ~~defining and identifying a selected scan window within an overall a scanable surface member~~ of a scanning device, the ~~scanable surface being defined by member~~ having a first edge side and a second edge side ~~which intersects~~ intersecting the first side edge, ~~the scan window apparatus comprising:~~

a scan window definition device including a plurality of moveable position markers configured to move along the first side and the second side of the member to allow a user to define the selected scan window on the scanable surface; and

a scan window illumination device including a plurality of light sources with individual of the plurality of moveable position markers including a one of the plurality of the light sources and with the plurality of the light sources configured to illuminate direct light into the first side and the second side ~~the selected scan window.~~

2. (currently amended). The scan window apparatus of claim 1, and wherein the ~~scanable surface member~~ comprises an essentially transparent platen defined by a first side surface on which an object to be scanned can be placed, and an opposite second surface side, ~~and wherein the scan window illumination device comprises a light source positioned to direct light to the second side of the platen.~~

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended). The scan window apparatus of claim 1, and wherein:

~~the scan window definition device comprises a plurality of moveable position markers configured to move along the first and second edges of the scanable surface and thereby define the selected scan window;~~

~~the scanable surface member is includes a transparent platen defined by having a top surface and a bottom surface and by the first and second edges;~~

~~the scan window illumination device comprises a light source located in each of the position markers; and~~

~~the plurality of the light sources are located proximate to the edges of the platen first side and the second side to allow the light from the light sources to shine into enter the platen between the top surface and the bottom surfaces thereof.~~

8. (currently amended). The scan window apparatus of claim 7, and further wherein the transparent platen is impregnated with light reflective particles oriented to reflect light from the plurality of the light sources, but to allow the light to freely pass through the platen from the bottom surface to the top surface.

9. (currently amended). A scan window apparatus for indicating a scan window within a scanable surface of a scanning device, the scanable surface having a first edge and a second edge intersecting the first edge, comprising:

a scan window definition device to allow a user to define the scan window on the scanable surface; and

a scan window illumination device including a light source configured to generate a focused beam of light to trace at least part of a perimeter of the scan window. The scan window apparatus of claim 1, and wherein the selected scan window is defined by a scan window perimeter, and further wherein the scan window illumination device comprises a focused light source configured to generate a focused beam of light which is configured to be directed to trace at least part of the scan window perimeter.

10. (currently amended). The scan window apparatus of claim 9, ~~and further~~ wherein the scan window definition device comprises a plurality of moveable position markers configured to move along the first edge and the second edges edge of the scanable surface and thereby define the ~~selected scan window~~, the scan window apparatus further comprising a plurality of position detectors configured to detect the positions of the plurality of position markers along the first and second edges of the scanable surface and to generate position signals in response thereto, and ~~further~~ wherein the scan window apparatus is configured to use at least one of the position signals to direct the focused beam of light.

11. (currently amended). The scan window apparatus of claim 9, ~~and further~~ comprising an oscillating mirror, ~~and further~~ wherein the focused beam of light is generated by a laser and is directed by the oscillating mirror to trace at least a part of the ~~scan window perimeter by the oscillating mirror~~.

12. (currently amended). The scan window apparatus of claim 9, ~~and further~~ comprising a rotating polygonal-sided mirror, ~~and further~~ wherein the focused beam of light is generated by a laser and is directed by the rotating polygonal-sided mirror to trace at least a part of the ~~scan window perimeter by the rotating polygonal-sided mirror~~.

13. (currently amended). An optical scanning device comprising:

a platen defining a scanable surface, the platen comprising an essentially transparent surface defined by an upper side and a lower side, the scanable surface being defined by a first edge and a second edge orthogonal to the first edge;

a scanning light source configured to optically scan an object placed proximate the upper side of the platen, the scanning light source being located proximate the lower side of the platen;

a scan window definition device to allow a user to define a selected scan window on the platen to be scanned by the scanning light source; and

a scan window illumination device configured to illuminate the selected scan window define the scan window with a perimeter, the scan window illumination device comprising a light source configured to generate a focused beam of light to trace at least part of the perimeter.

14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended). The optical scanning device of claim ~~14~~13, and wherein the scan window definition device ~~is used~~ includes the scan window illumination device and is configured to direct the focused beam of light.

16. (currently amended). The optical scanning device of claim ~~14~~13, and further comprising ~~wherein the optical scanning device further comprises~~ a back-lighting light source positioned to direct light to the lower side of the platen.

17. (currently amended). The optical scanning device of claim 15, and wherein the scan window definition device comprises a plurality of moveable position markers configured to move along the first and second edges of the scanable surface and thereby define the ~~selected~~ scan window.

18. (currently amended). The optical scanning device of claim 15, and wherein the scan window definition device comprises a user interface allowing a user to identify positions along the first edge and the second edges edge of the scanable surface to thereby define the ~~selected~~ scan window.

19. (currently amended). The optical scanning device of claim ~~15~~14, and further comprising an oscillating mirror, ~~and further~~ wherein the focused beam of light is generated by a laser and wherein the oscillating mirror is configured to direct the focused beam of light ~~is directed~~ to trace at least a part of the scan window perimeter ~~by the oscillating mirror~~.

20. (currently amended). The optical scanning device of claim ~~15~~14, and further comprising a rotating polygonal-sided mirror, ~~and further~~ wherein the ~~focused source of light~~ source comprises a laser, and further wherein the rotating polygonal-sided mirror includes a configuration to direct the focused beam of light ~~is directed~~ to trace at least a part of the scan window perimeter ~~by the rotating polygonal-sided mirror~~.

21. (currently amended). A method of identifying a ~~selected~~ scan window to be scanned as part of ~~an overall~~ a scanable surface, comprising:

defining the ~~selected~~ scan window; and

~~illuminating the scan window prior to scanning the selected scan window to thereby identify the selected scan window~~ tracing at least a portion of a perimeter of the scan window on the scanable surface using at least one focused beam of light.

22. (canceled).

23. (canceled).

24. (canceled).

25. (canceled).

26. (currently amended). The method of claim ~~24~~21, and further comprising generating ~~at least two~~ signals to ~~thereby~~ define the ~~traced~~ portion of the ~~selected scan window~~ perimeter for the tracing, and; using the signals to direct the focused beam of light.

27. (currently amended). The method of claim ~~24~~ 26, and further comprising scanning only the ~~selected~~ scan window on the scanable surface.

28. (canceled).

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)

31. (canceled)